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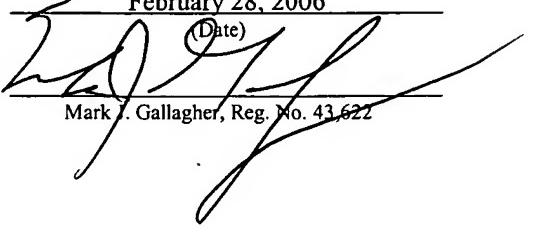
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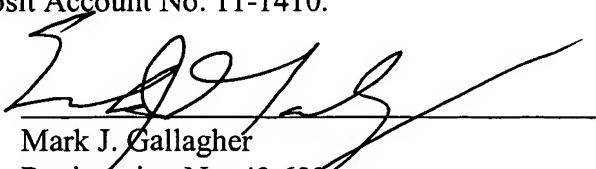
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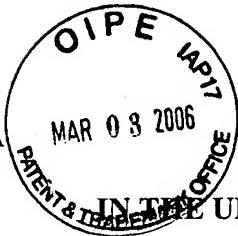
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2006. In this Office Action, the Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Figures 2A, 2D, and 11D;
- II. Figure 2B;
- III. Figure 3A;
- IV. Figure B;
- V. Figure 3C;
- VI. Figure 4A;
- VII. Figure 4B;
- VIII. Figure 4C;
- IX. Figure 5A;
- X. Figure 5B;
- XI. Figure 5C;
- XII. Figure 6A;
- XIII. Figure 6B;

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- XIV. Figure 6C;
- XV. Figures 7A and 8;
- XVI. Figure 7B;
- XVII. Figure 7C;
- XVIII. Figure 9A;
- XIX. Figure 9B;
- XX. Figure 9C;
- XXI. Figure 10;
- XXII. Figure 11A;
- XXIII. Figure 11B;
- XXIV. Figure 11C;
- XXV. Figure 12; and
- XXVI. Figure 13.

Although the Office Action lists Fig. 2A, 2D, 11D, Applicants presume that the Examiner is referring to Figure 2C as Figure 2D is not among the drawings included in the application. Additionally, although the Office Action lists Figure B, Applicants presume that the Examiner is referring to Figure 3B based on the context.

Applicants note that the Office Action states that Figure 1 is common to all species.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the species shown in Figure 10 corresponding to Claims 1-5, 7-16, 19-23, 25, 27-30, 42, 43, 47-50. Applicants reserve the right to request that the non-elected claims be examined upon allowance of a generic claim.

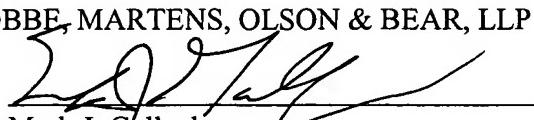
If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

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